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### FUNERAL REFORM.

The burial of the dead always awakens and touches the tenderest and most sacred feelings and sentiments of the human heart. With these feelings the ministers of Christ's Gospel are in the deepest sympathy; of which there is standing testimony, in that at death, yea before death ensues, the minister is the first comforter sent for, and the first to respond. In suggesting, therefore, any changes in the customs connected with the burial of the dead, a reform difficult to accomplish, because of the sacred associations, it would appear most appropriate for the ministers of the community to speak as being the least likely to be misunderstood; and also as being the recognized leaders in holy and sacred things. We therefore, the ministers of Durham in conference assembled, believing that certain customs connected with the burial of our beloved dead prevail which tender rather to stifle the sacred feelings natural thereto, and which are injurious and often disastrous to the living, with due modesty venture to call attention to these customs and to suggest certain changes. The particulars in which we believe change is desirable are briefly indicated below:

1. The expenses of the funeral. In our love for the dead, our heart prompts us to disregard expense. In doing so, however, we may unintentionally do injury to the living, in the persons of our own loved ones and of the community. A costly casket, a large number of hired carriages by those who can afford them establishes a standard, the cost of which enforces upon those who cannot afford it a debt, (which often can never be paid) and robs the living at times of the very necessities of life for months afterwards. We suggest, therefore, out of proper consideration for the sacred feelings of God's worthy poor and persons of limited means, and for the needs of the living the use of a simple inexpensive casket, and the hire of only a sufficient number of carriages for the members of the immediate family.

2. Services at the grave. These lasting several minutes—often in inclement weather—jeopardize the health and life of the family and friends, the strength of some of whom at times has been impaired by long nursing of the deceased; so that one funeral sometimes necessitates another in quick succession. Without any disrespect to the dear one buried, it would be wise and prudent for all friends and relatives to retire from the grave as soon as the form of commitment has been read, whenever the weather is inclement, and leave the filling of the grave and the placing of flowers to the superintendent of the cemetery and to one or more chosen friends. Moreover, it is best and in the interests of health in inclement weather for all parties to keep their heads covered during the committal of the body to the ground.

3. Sunday funerals. Except in cases of absolute necessity funerals should never be appointed on the Lord's Day. On the readily appreciated grounds, that they necessitate a great deal of additional labor to the undertakers, the liveryman, the superintendent of the cemetery and to the employees; that they interrupt the appointed worship of God's Day and Houses; that they take people away from Sunday schools and church services, who by preference would be there, greatly to the temporary detriment of these services, and that they impose additional and trying service upon ministers whose heaviest and most important duties fall upon the Lord's Day.

4. Wearing of mourning apparel. This is purely a matter of custom, seeing that in some countries the badge of mourning is white, in others as in England it is red or purple. The excessive use of black among Christians for the loss of Christian friends is a virtual denial of a precious truth of the Gospel, viz: the immediate blessedness of those who fall asleep in Jesus.

Moreover, the change of wearing apparel involves a heavy expense which many can ill afford and yet which custom has imposed upon them. While it also detains the mourners for weeks from the house of God, the place of all others where the Christian mourner is encouraged to find comfort.

5. Funeral services. We recommend at all ordinary funerals, the omission of what is properly known as the "funeral sermon" and that the minister conduct and not "preach the funeral."

6. Opening the casket. This opens anew the fountain of tears and when in public exposes the face of the beloved dead to the oftentimes prurient curiosity of a criticising crowd. It would be well, therefore, for the family and friends ordinarily to take the last fond look at the face of the dead in private, before the funeral services begin, after which the casket should not be opened.

7. Selection of time for the funeral. The day and hour should not be fixed, and certainly should never be published until the minister who is to officiate has first been consulted, that there be no conflict with other important engagements.

8. The entrance and departure of the casket and mourners from the church. It is a becoming mark of respect that the whole congregation rise and remain standing while the body is borne into and out of the church and until the family are seated and also at the close until they have passed out of the church.

We believe the changes respectfully suggested above will commend themselves to every thoughtful mind who appreciates the sentiments of the living for the dead; and also the claims of the living, as prompt and maintaining all the sacred and tender associations that cluster around the burial of our beloved dead, and as conducive to the highest interests of the bereaved and often dependent living who are left to mourn and suffer from the death of the departed. Convinced of this, we feel assured that our motives in suggesting these changes will also be recognized as pure, and in tender sympathy with all the sons and daughters of sorrow.

Unanimously adopted in session and ordered published in all the town papers and in the Raleigh News and Observer.

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### Latest Version of Enoch Arden.

Over sixteen years ago Miss Amy Miles became the wife of Sailor Frank Vincent. The latter went to sea in a few months, and in 1882, as he had not returned and was reported dead, Mrs. Vincent married Electrician James A. Dunn, of Brooklyn. The couple have six children and lived most happily until a few months ago, when the missing sailor husband returned and claimed Mrs. Dunn as his wife. She repudiated him, but the second husband refused to live with her any longer, and has begun a suit in the supreme court to annul the marriage. The defendant contends that before her marriage to Dunn she informed him of her relations with Vincent.—New York Sun.

A MINNESOTA woman who sued a man for kissing her about 2,000 times received a verdict for \$3,500, which is at the rate of \$1.75 a kiss, and yet a Massachusetts girl wants to make a fellow pay her \$1,500 or \$750 a piece for looking two. If this man be so fond of these things that he can't resist the temptation to catch 'em of the fly he should migrate to Minnesota where they do not come so high.—Wilmington Star.

### Eve Still Loves Serpents.

What is it that makes the daughters of Eve admire snakeskins? One would think that they would want to get as far away from it as possible; but, on the contrary, every woman who can afford it is wearing snakeskin somewhere on her person. Bags and purses, card cases and belts, the backs of gift books, toilet accessories and everything else that a woman can get covered with snakeskin goes. The skin has come to cost as much as the Russia leather, and "snake farms" are now much more valuable as revenue producers than wheat farms. It is worthy of note that no woman of the swell set has yet taken to wearing a tanned rattlesnake hide around her hat, as the Mexicans do, but that will probably be the beginning of the end of a not pretty fashion at best. The skin takes a high polish and is as durable as alligator skin.

### SYMPATHY.

Every heart longs for sympathy; it warms the thorny path of existence until flowers bloom along the pathway and birds sing in its cheerful effulgence. What is a home-coming with no one to welcome you? Of what use is all the treasure of the land if there is none to praise and enjoy it with you? Freedom from all restraint means loss of those home ties, the binding cords of affection and the genuine unselfish interest that may seem weary ones in their expression and repression, yet which the soul longs for with an ardent and sincere desire in the life of utter loneliness that such freedom represents.—Exchange.

### SHOULD BE ENCOURAGED.

For the same reason that congress ought to practice greater liberality toward the militia organizations of the different states, it should extend more generous assistance to the naval militia. At the present time there is a meager appropriation of \$25,000, with which but little can be accomplished in the way of equipping the several bodies already in existence and that may yet be formed. With every newly organized one the allotment to the states based upon the strength of the militia in each becomes less for each company.

Just now a naval battalion has been formed in New Orleans. Recently one was organized in Brunswick, Ga. It is more than likely that every state along the Atlantic and Pacific coasts having a lake front, says the Washington Times, or accessible to the Gulf of Mexico, will sooner or later have one or more such battalions. Their formation ought to be encouraged by active interest on the part of congress and such appropriations as will give assurance to their members that their undertaking is appreciated. The problem of manning our navy in the event a sudden emergency should arise is most grave, but with the nucleus of an ample naval militia it could be solved with much less difficulty than would be the case if present conditions continue to prevail.

Massachusetts, New York, New Jersey, North Carolina, Georgia, Louisiana and California are already in line with naval battalions. If congress were to show a proper disposition toward existing organizations, and treat them with the liberality to which their patriotic undertaking entitles them, there is no doubt other states would rapidly follow. In Ohio and Illinois the movement is already very strong, and one or more battalions may be expected in each of these States in the near future. Now, let congress do its part.

A GREAT lie is like a great fish on dry land; it may fret and fling and make a frightful bothy, but it cannot hurt you. You have only to keep still, and it will die of itself.

### Our Graded School.

I have watched with increasing wonder, and admiration, the noble work of our graded school under its present management. But nothing has so impressed me, as the proposition to open a night session for the benefit of the wage-earners, who have been debarred from an education on account of their inability to live without their labor, and many others who can more conveniently attend at night. My heart burns with admiration for such unselfish devotion to that noblest work allotted to man (except that of preaching the gospel) as is shown by that trio of gentlemen, Toms, Wharton, Flowers. May God ever bless them for that sympathy that inspired them to such a noble work. We are proud of them and we appreciate their faithful service in the education of our children.

The brightest gem in Durhams crown today is her graded school under the management of that phenomenon of intellectual power, Professor C. W. Toms. His ability to impart to others, is wonderful and has won for him a reputation he should be proud of. And I believe I voice the sentiment of Durham in saying we are very proud of him and his co-laborers. J. G. PIPER.

Feb. 14, 1896.

### The Captain's Title of Respect.

The captain of a certain large sailing vessel insists upon being addressed as "Sir" by every one on board. One day a new hand joined the ship, and a short time after leaving harbor, being a well-seasoned old salt, he was intrusted with the wheel. The captain came up and put the usual question, "How's her head?"

"Nor'-by-east," answered the old tar, very gruffly, taking the customary hitch of his trousers.

"My man," suavely answered the captain, "on this craft, when one of the crew speaks to me, he gives me a title of respect. Don't you think you might do so, too? Now, how's her head?"

"Nor'-by-east, I tell yer," shouted the tar, displaying not a little irritation.

"I'm afraid you don't quite understand me," responded the captain, good-humoredly. "Let me relieve you at the wheel, and then do you take my place and ask me the question. I will show you how it should be answered."

They accordingly changed places.

"Ow's her 'ead?" roared the tar.

"Nor'-by-east, sir," replied the captain, with gentle emphasis on the "sir."

"Then keep her so, my man while I go s'forn and has a smoke," was the startling rejoinder from the old reprobate, who calmly commenced to suit the action to the word, and disappeared up by the fore-castle, lighting a match as he went.

### Chief of Police Robbed.

PITTSBURG, Pa., Feb. 13.—James Sidebottom, chief of police at the Edgar Thomson Steel Works, was attacked by two men and relieved of all his valuables. He resides at Turtle Creek, and is the owner of several coal pits near there. Sidebottom went to Wilmerding to make some collections on coal in that section. When he was ready to return he had collected \$220. He missed the train and decided to walk home.

When a short distance out of Wilmerding two men, armed with revolvers, stepped up to him and ordered him to give up his money. He could do nothing else, as he was unarmed. The men took the \$220 and a gold watch valued at \$125.

The meanest man in West Virginia has just died. He left \$150,000 to the church and two cows and his household furniture to his wife.

The Jew has a good time in Turkey. He stands between the Moslem and the Christian, who hate each other. The Turk likes the Jew because he is no Christian, and the Christian likes the Jew because he is no Turk.

True prayer consists not in words shaped by the mouth, but in the interior attention of the heart; for the sound which sink into the ears of God are not the words which fall from our lips, but the holy desires and aspirations of our hearts.

A BRIDEGROOM of ninety was married to a bride of six y-eight in Meriden, Conn., last week. Each had been married twice before. A good deal of interest was evinced in the match, and the contracting parties made public announcement of a time for the ceremony. They were married a few hours earlier and got safely and quietly away.

TRAMPS have a new trick in Kentucky. The Louisville Courier-Journal says "a tramp visited all the houses at Cloverport and begged from every kind of lady he met a postage stamp with which to write a letter to his sick mother. He got the stamp every time and went out of town with several dollars in his pockets as a result of the successful ruse."

THE Poet-Laureate has written another poem, asking "Who wouldn't die for England?" It was written on Prince Battenburg's death and was probably suggested by that interrogatory in Senator Frye's speech. The Wilmington Star says "we do not know who would die for England but we know a good many who who not, and our impression is that there are very few when it comes to dying who wouldn't prefer to live for her."

AFTER spending three years in Paris, a French student wrote to his father as follows: "I have made up my mind to set to work, dear father; therefore, I should like to know whether it was law or medicine that I came to Paris to study."

### State News.

Greensboro Record: John W. Scott, Jr., of Sanford died this morning of erysipelas. Mr. Scott was a son of Major John W. Scott, of Moore county.

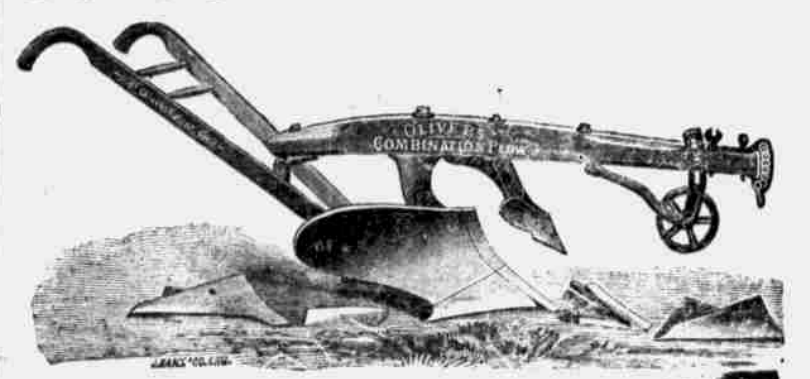
Charlotte Observer: Mr. Newton Todd and family live in Paw Creek. Thursday Mr. Todd and son were attacked and bitten by a mad dog. They were down yesterday morning to have the stone applied.

Morganton Herald: Mr. Joseph Whisenant has nine sons, the oldest being 30 years of age and the youngest 14. They are all large fine looking men and weigh as follows: 136, 157, 179, 190, 206, 219, 232, 137, 250. Total, 1,806 pounds.

Windsor Ledger: A mule ran mad last Friday on the Hope plantation and died Sunday of hydrophobia. She was crippled but everything that came within her sight was duly chased—falling and tumbling over corncries was kept up until Sunday, when her madness ended in death. It is thought she was bitten by a dog that ran through the yard in January.

Rutherford Democrat: There seems to be a big revival in the mining interests in Rutherford county, and the development of the valuable and rich mines of the county promises to keep pace with the other big enterprises which are projected for this year. Several northern capitalists have been here this week inspecting the Alta mine with a view to purchasing. They will hear a report from a mining expert and if his report is favorable, and we do not doubt that it will be, these gentlemen will buy.—One of the largest and wealthiest corporations owning property in this section has about decided to build a hundred thousand dollar cotton mill in this country. It will be modern in design and equipment, and will be built this year.

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